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**Baker-Polito Administration Awards \$30.5 Million in Community
Development Block Grants**

Awards will allow 58 municipalities to address local needs

BOSTON – Today Governor Charlie Baker, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash, and Housing and Community Undersecretary Chrystal Kornegay awarded 39 Community Development Block Grants, totaling \$30.5 million, to 58 communities across Massachusetts. Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) help cities and towns respond to specific housing, community, and economic development projects that support low- and moderate-income residents, or revitalize underserved areas.

"Flexible block grant funding allows our cities and towns to respond to specific local needs," **said Governor Baker**. "These investments will support long-term economic growth and positive changes in transportation infrastructure, housing markets, and community spaces."

"Residents across the Commonwealth will see tangible improvements in their communities through this year's Community Development Block Grants," **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. "These awards will offer support at the local level, allowing municipalities to pursue a bright future for their community."

The 2017 award round will support rehabilitation for 286 housing units, along with services that support families, including food pantries, financial and homebuyer education opportunities, literacy and English as a second language training, and transportation services. Awards will also support investments in Adams' town center, code enforcement in Chelsea, youth leadership in Montague, and Head Start in

Webster.

“Making investments in municipal housing, service, and transportation infrastructure is essential to our economic success,” **said Secretary Ash**. “It enables schools to more effectively teach their students, it facilitates people finding – and getting to – their jobs, and it supports our families throughout the state. The Community Development Block Grant has proven a very effective mechanism for accomplishing these goals, and I am delighted by the efforts we have funded today.”

“Comprehensive social services and housing rehabilitation efforts are key components to supporting the long-term success of residents across the Commonwealth,” **said Undersecretary Kornegay**. “We are eager to continue strong partnerships with communities that leverage Community Development Block Grant funding, local aid, and other opportunities to ensure stability for our families and residents.”

Massachusetts’ Community Development Block Grant Program is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to help small cities and towns meet a broad range of community development needs. Assistance is provided to qualifying cities and towns for housing, community, and economic development projects that assist low and moderate-income residents, or by revitalizing blighted areas. [Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded \\$84 million to 180 communities.](#)

Awards and Descriptions:

Adams will receive \$800,000 to provide town center infrastructure improvements and design for the Hoosac Valley Park.

Amherst will receive \$825,000 for East Hadley Road infrastructure improvements, planning for supportive housing project, Housing Authority modernization and support for a food pantry, homelessness services, youth mentoring and family stabilization services.

Athol will receive \$706,748 for infrastructure improvements to Winter, Wilder and Summer streets.

Becket will receive \$772,800 to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to 20 units.

Bellingham and Hopedale will receive \$756,917 to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to 19 units.

Brookfield will receive \$363,699 for two design projects (infrastructure and senior center) and two planning projects (ADA and environmental remediation).

Buckland will receive \$541,868 for infrastructure improvements to Green Street and to support a food pantry.

Chelsea will receive \$825,000 for Congress Avenue improvements, housing rehabilitation assistance for two units, code enforcement, microenterprise assistance, ADA Self Evaluation plan and social service assistance to include youth services, ESOL, homelessness prevention and citizenship training.

Chester will receive \$800,000 for infrastructure improvements to Hampden Street.

Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Peru, Plainfield and Worthington will receive \$1,010,421 to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to 18 units and for childcare assistance, elder services and a food pantry.

Clinton will receive \$486,715 for housing rehabilitation assistance to five units and for a Sign and Façade program.

Dennis will receive \$825,000 to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to 15 units, and childcare assistance.

Edgartown, Aquinnah, West Tisbury and Gosnold will receive \$1,207,147 to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to 22 units and to provide childcare assistance.

Everett will receive \$825,000 to provide housing rehabilitation assistance for six units, microenterprise assistance to eight businesses, planning projects for ADA self-evaluation and community development and social service assistance to include homelessness prevention, ESOL, youth services and a food pantry.

Gardner will receive \$775,000 for public facilities improvements including targeted demolition, park rehabilitation and parking improvements, design for street improvements and to support homebuyer education and job training and domestic violence services.

Greenfield will receive \$775,000 for housing rehabilitation assistance for four units, School, Leyden Woods and Davis Streets infrastructure improvements, a commercial rehabilitation program and to support a food pantry, youth and elder services.

Hull will receive \$579,317 for infrastructure improvements to Bay Avenue East.

Leicester will receive \$799,535 for housing rehabilitation assistance to five units and ADA improvements to town hall.

Leverett, Deerfield, Sunderland and Conway will receive \$1,294,928 for housing rehabilitation to 24 units.

Methuen will receive \$429,918 for housing rehabilitation for seven units, planning for a Slum and Blight inventory and social service assistance to include youth services, elder services, adult literacy and child care assistance.

Montague will receive \$490,611 for housing rehabilitation assistance to three units, design projects for Rutter's Park and demolition of Strathmore Mill building and to provide social services to include youth leadership, job training, recovery counseling and elder services.

Monterey will receive \$800,000 for housing rehabilitation for 18 units.

North Adams will receive \$825,000 for improvements to a community center, park improvements, a historic properties inventory and social services.

North Brookfield will receive \$799,808 for infrastructure improvements to North Common Street.

Oak Bluffs and Tisbury will receive \$921,014 to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to 16 units and childcare vouchers to approximately 55 families.

Palmer will receive \$507,663 to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to three units, rehabilitation of Thorndike Playground and support domestic violence prevention services.

Russell, Huntington, Middlefield and Chester will receive \$1,183,165 for housing rehabilitation assistance to 8 units and infrastructure improvements to Main and Old Westfield roads.

Salisbury will receive \$800,000 to provide infrastructure improvements to the President Street neighborhood and social service assistance for emergency assistance, Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA.

Shelburne will receive \$757,064 for rehabilitation assistance to the Highland Village housing authority property and to support a food pantry.

Shirley will receive \$795,953 to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to 18 units and to support a fuel assistance program.

Southbridge will receive \$775,000 for Central Street parking improvements and code enforcement.

Spencer will receive \$788,890 to provide infrastructure improvements to Chestnut Street and support a food pantry.

Truro, Harwich, Eastham and Provincetown will receive \$1,096,395 to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to 25 units and to provide childcare assistance.

Ware, Warren and Hardwick will receive \$1,053,100 for housing rehabilitation services to 24 units and to support social services for senior outreach, youth services, domestic violence prevention, adult education and community health.

Wareham will receive \$675,000 for housing rehabilitation assistance for 12 units, planning for ADA Self Evaluation and support for senior outreach, homelessness prevention, at-risk youth, and literacy and transportation services.

Warren will receive \$675,320 for Quaboag Street infrastructure improvements and domestic violence prevention services.

Webster will receive \$825,000 for Dresser Street infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation assistance for three units and support for Head Start.

West Springfield will receive \$825,000 for housing rehabilitation assistance for 7 units, public facilities improvements, code enforcement, and support for self-sufficiency and homebuyer programs, ESOL, camp scholarships and Head Start.

Winchendon will receive \$557,335 for Chestnut Street improvements, housing rehabilitation assistance to two units and for a fuel assistance program.

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